# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

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DISTRIBUTION OF PULSES UNDER PDS
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has decided to distribute the imported pulses through Public Distribution System (POS); and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the import price of pulses and the price at which the same are proposed to be distributed under PDS?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS`,FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) & (b): Yes,Sir.In order to improve the availability of pulses, Government has recently introduced a scheme under which the Public Sector Agencies like Nationa Agricultural Cooperiftive Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), MMTC, PEC Ltd and State Trading Corporation(STC) can import pulses and sell the same at a subsidy of Rs. 10/- per Kg. to the State Government for distribution of pulses through Public Distribution System CPOS).The price of imported pulses will vary as PSUs would import the pulses at different time intervals.The PSUs would sell pulses to State Governments/UTs at a price discounted by the amount of subsidy. The State Governments will decide the price at which the pulses would be sold to the ration card holders.